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11 JUN 1954
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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other schemes to areas other than Malnad may have importance in their own way, but certainly not the importance of the bridge works of the Malnad area. Therefore, it is in my opinion, unfair to have brought that fact into consideration and negatived the claim rightly recognised by the Highways Department.

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To

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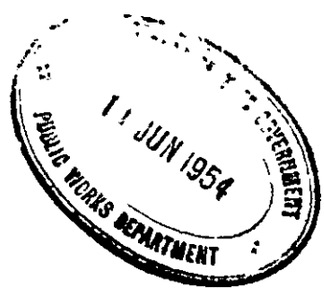

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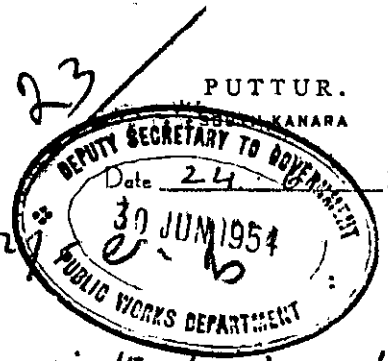

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51806 Three bridge works in the backward Malnad area of Puttur taluk in South Kanara which had been included by the Chief Engineer, Highways, in the list of works to be financed by the State allocation of the Central Road Fund, have been stated to be under contemplation of Government of Madras to delete from the said list. In doing so, Govt. are said to be guided by the fact that a large portion of the said fund is being diverted as State Contribution to the cost of West Coast road within the limits of South Kanara.

The reason given in support of the reported action of Government is not satisfactory. The district does not derive special benefit from the west coast road scheme and its people have not put forth their claim for it as an essential need. At the most it is necessary in the interest of the Country as a whole. Whereas the three bridges in question have got great local importance. At present, the areas wherein the proposed bridges are situated are isolated from the rest and are not accessible during the seven months in the year due on account of the heavy rains. Moreover, these areas cover large extent of

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Date _____ 195 .

..... my feel seriously disappointed by the reported action of Government.

In the last General Election to this Plural Member Constituency which returned its both Congress Candidates people put forward the plea of communications in the Malnad areas as their urgent need and every attempt was made to satisfy them. Now on the eve of the elections to the district board our political opponents are taking advantage of the omissions of Government and I have no doubt that this fact will go against us. These bridges besides being on the Inter-State roads are on the routes to the great pilgrim centre of the South, namely, Sri Subramaniaswami temple. I do hope you will take interest in the said bridges being included in the Central Road Fund account. The bridges are -

(1) Construction of a bridge on the river Kumaradhara on the Kukkunda-Subramania road at mile 0/7.

(2) Construction of a bridge at mile 8/1 over the Kandadka stream on the Talsoor-Subramania road.

(3) Construction of a bridge at mile 11/2 over the river Gowri on the ~~Kattikolantha~~ Aricadka-Vethical Catta road.

All the three bridges are estimated to cost a little less than two lakhs.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely,

K. Venkataramana Gowda M.L.A.

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P.W (Aw)

The letter on pp 1-3 onto from Sri. K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A. may be read. The points put forth by the Member have already been examined and the connected file sent to H.E.L.A. on 29-6-54.

This may be kept till the return of that file.

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P. W. D. (A.2).

Letter No. 46697 A/54-2 D/4-8-54

To

Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A.,
Advocate, Putnur, SOUTH KANARA.

Sir,

Sub: C.R.F. - Malnad area - Inclusion of certain bridge works in new programme.

Ref: Your D.O. dated 9-6-54 to M (F & E).
Your D.O. dated 10-6-54 to M (W).
Your D.O. dated 11-6-54 to D.S., P.W.D.

I am directed to state that it has not been found possible to include the three bridge works referred to by you in the new programme, in view of the limited amount available from State allocations of the Central Road Fund for taking up new works. The three bridges under reference are all on roads under the control of South Kanara District Board. I am therefore to suggest that you may address the District Board to consider the feasibility of taking up these works under the Post War Road Development Programme with the approval of the Govt.

Y. F.

P. W. D. (A.2).

CNo 46697A/54

Sub: Central Road Fund - South Kanara District - Malnad area - Inclusion of certain works in new programme of works to be financed from State allocations of C.R.F. - Request.

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pp1-3 cf

Ref: From Sri-K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A., D.O., dated 9-6-54 to M (F & E).

p1 cf

"Secy. P.W.,

Kindly put up.

C.S./9-6-54".

pp5-7 cf

From Sri K.Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A., D.O., dated 11-6-54.

p9 cf

From Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A., dated 10-6-54 to M (W).

p9 cf

"Secy. P.W.D.

May be examined

Shanmugha Rajeswaran,

12/6-54".

p15 cf

"M (W)

The needs of the Malnad area regarding communications may be given special consideration.

A.B. Shetty.
14-6-54".

"Secy. P.W.D.,

Shanmugha Rajeswaran,
14-6-54".

p19 cf

"M (W)

M. Bhaktavatsalam,
10-6-43".

"Secy., P.W.D.

Shanmugha Rajeswaran,
11-6-54".

The file deals with the requests for inclusion of certain road works relating to the Malnad area in South Kanara district in the new programme of works proposed to be taken up against State allocations of the Central Road Fund.

para 1 p3 cf

2. Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A. has stated that the Malnad area is backward in the matter of communications and that on this account this area has become neglected in other respects also. He has

pointed out that if communications are improved vast extent of uncultivated cultivable lands in the area could be transformed into agricultural lands. He has stated that as the area is lacking in all weather roads it is not accessible during seven months of the year and that the three roads leading to Sri Subramaniam Swami temple, a pilgrim centre, are not all weather roads. He understands that the C.E.(H), in due consideration of the agitation carried on by the people of the area, has recommended to Govt. the inclusion of about six bridge works estimated at Rs 3 lakhs on these roads namely Kulgunda Subramania Road, Bellari-Nethicalcutta-Subramania Road and Jaloor Subramania Road while preparing the list of new works to be financed from State allocations of the Central Road Fund, but that the Govt. propose to drop these works from the list of works referred to above. The Member has remarked that just because of the special grant offered by the Central Govt. for the construction of 3 major bridges on the coastal road from Mangalore to Udipi, any additional grant under the Central Road Fund programme should not be considered as a special treatment of the district, for in the past poor attention was paid to South Kanara, particularly Malnad area, in the matter of communications and as the district began to receive "benefit" under the C.R.F. much less and that too only very recently though the fund was created about 25 years ago. He considers that the special grants-in-aid given by the Centre for improving the Darbe Subramanya road in the Malnad area as an all weather road is not an extra provision as works required to improve this road are not proposed under the Central Road Fund. He has requested that the following works may be included in the new C.R.F. Programme:-

(1) Bridge over the Kumaradhare river on the Kulgunda Subramanya road. (1,00,000/-)

para 1 p1 cf

para 2 p1 cf

para 4 p2 cf

para 5 p2 cf

para 5 p2 cf

Paranji Udayavar Mudlar

1929-1954 = 25 years

para 7 p3 cf

cf Rs 3 61 lakhs

para 4 pp6-7 cf

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(2) Bridge over the Kandadka stream at M.8/1 of the Jalsoor Subramania Road. (45,000)

(3) Bridge over the Gowri river near Bellari on the Ariadka-Nethicalcutta road. (40,000)

3. The question of improving road communications in the Malnad area of South Kanara Dt. has been examined more than once and in December 1953 the C.E. (H) reported that the following roads served the undeveloped area of Malnad in Puthur Taluk:--

(1) Bisley Ghat road via Kadaba.

(2) Darbe-Nathekalkutta road.

(3) Nathekalkutta-Subramanya road.

(4) Ariadka-Nathekalkutta road.

(5) Jalsoor-Subramania road.

(6) Kolgunda-Subramanya road.

He stated then that the work of improving the Bisley Ghat road, which is a Govt. road, as an all weather road by constructing causeways or bridges at an estimated cost of Rs 4.37 lakhs had already been taken up and that it might take two years to complete this work. The remaining five roads [items (2) to (6)] are all in charge of South Kanara District Board. The C.E. also stated that a portion of road from Ariadka to Bellare in item (4) had already been improved as an all weather road and that the road in item (6) was a metalled road. He added that the main request of the people was for improving the roads in items (2) to (6) as all weather roads by constructing bridges and causeways over the stream crossings and that in this connection the following works reported to be urgent were proposed to be considered under the C.R.F. Schemes:-

	Cost. Rs.
(1) Constructing a bridge at Mile 19/2 of Darbe-Nethicalcutta road	.. 21,000

	Cost Rs
(2) Constructing a causeway at Mile 23/4 of Nethicalcutta Subramanya road ..	40,000/-
(3) Constructing a causeway at Mile 28/8 of Nethicalcutta Subramanya road ..	70,000/-
(4) Constructing a causeway at Mile 0/7 of Kolgunda-Subramanya road ..	1,00,000/-
(5) Constructing a causeway at Mile 8/1 of Jalsoor-Subramanya road. ..	45,000/-

Accordingly the C.E. included all these works in the original list of new works, estimated to cost Rs 110 lakhs, proposed by him for being financed from State allocations of the Central Road Fund. It was, however, found that a sum of about Rs 65 lakhs only would ~~only~~ be available from State allocations of the C.R.F. for taking up new works. Therefore the works to be taken up under the C.R.F. programme were considered at a conference of D.S., P.W.D., A.D.S., H.E.L.A. and the C.E.(H) and a revised list of works estimated to cost Rs 65 lakhs is proposed to be forwarded to the Govt. of India. These works have been selected with reference to needs and requirements and relative urgency thereof. None of the works referred to at 'K' above ~~on the previous page~~ are included in this revised list nor are there any works pertaining to South Kanara district and Malabar districts included in the revised list.

It will be seen from the statement at (Y) that a ~~large~~ number of works in South Kanara district have already been sanctioned under the C.R.F. Scheme in recent years although this cannot be said so the case in the past years. The District has not got its equitable share from the C.R.F. allocations. It may be stated that the Govt. of India have been requested to give permission to utilise a sum of Rs 62 lakhs towards this Govt.'s share of the cost of works for development of West Coast Road lying in Malabar and South Kanara

districts. If this is taken into account then the South Kanara District will have more than its equitable share.

4 Further the Govt. of India have recently approved under full grant-in-aid scheme, the work of improving the Darbe-Subramanya road via Nethakalcutta as an all weather road at an estimated cost of Rs 3.61 lakhs, which Sri Venkataramana Gowda has been urging for a long time. They have also approved the construction of these bridges over the Pavanje, Udayavar and Mulki between Mangalore and Udipi on the coastal road at an estimated cost of Rs 38.3 lakhs.

It may be mentioned that having due regard to the fact that the main need of the district is bridging several rivers in it, the Govt. have already sanctioned 18 major bridge works at a total cost of Rs 45 lakhs. Some of the works have been completed and the remaining are in progress. The Govt. are doing their best to improve communications in this district consistent with the availability of funds and the demand of other districts in the State.

5 It may not be out of place to mention here that several representations have also been received recently urging that a particular bridge or road works in an area is more important and urgent than certain bridge works in the district sanctioned by the Govt. (e.g. Bridge over Uppunda River, Bridge over Sankulakaria near Mundukur, Bridge over Kalianpur, Mabukal etc.). Besides this representations have also been received for construction of a bridge over Alevoor River.

6 With regard to the present request of Sri Gowda it is submitted that on the completion of construction of bridges and causeways on the Darbe Subramanya road and on the Bisley Ghat road, there will be two all weather roads in the Malnad area. The question of improving the other roads in Malnad area as all weather

roads can be considered only in due course when funds become available.

2. H.E.L.A. may, however, see and they may be requested to state whether the three bridge works required by Sri Gowda, which are on District Board roads, can be taken up by the District Board from its cash balance or after taking a loan repayable on easy instalments.

x. Kah Mh 2-3 ante.

H.E.L.A (5)

The file has come to this dept w.r.t paragraph 7 above. The estimated cost of the three bridgeworks mentioned at '7' on Mh 2-3 above comes to Rs 1,85,000/-. The question whether the Dt. Bd can take up the works from its Cash balance or from loan funds is examined below:

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2. The financial position of the Sirsi Dt. Bd. is not satisfactory. Its Esl. Acct. works at a deficit of Rs. 94,730. The Bd. is being given a D.A. grant towards the deficit in its Esl. Acct. The Bd. is not in a position to meet the expenditure under reference either from its own funds or from loan funds.

The file may be returned to P.W.D.

TO

DEPUTY ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 10 JUL 1954 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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para 4 onpp 6-7-26

The file dealts with the request of Sri K. Venkataramana Gowda, M.L.A., for inclusion of three bridge works in Mainad area of South Kanara district in the new programme of works to be taken up against State allocations of the Central Road Fund. The facts of the case are explained in the notes at pages 1-ante The bridge works referred to by the Member are all on roads under the control of South Kanara District Board. For the reasons stated in paragraph 3 on pages 4-5 ante it has not been found possible to include those bridge works in the new programme to be taken up against State allocations of the Central Road fund. A reference in this connection is also invited to the reply sent by the C.M. at pages 5-13 c. of 'B' to Sri K.S. Hegde, Member, Council of States, on his request for construction of these three bridge works from the C.R.F.allocations.

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H.E.L.A. have noted that the Dt.Bd. is not in a position to meet the expre. on the bridge works under reference either from its funds or from ~~loan~~ loan funds. It is however, submitted that the Dt.Bd. will be eligible for grant if it takes up these bridge works under the Post War Road Development Scheme with the approval of the Govt. by deleting some less urgent works of equeal value. In the circumstances Sri K.Venkataramana Gowda may be informed that it has not been found possible to include the three bridge works required by him in the new programme of C.R.F. works and that he may address the Dt.Bd. to consider the possibility of taking up the works under the P.W.R.D. plan with the approval of the Govt. Subject to approval a draft letter is submitted.

The file may be circulated to M(W), ~~M(H)~~ M(L.A.) and M(F&E) for perusal.

A.J. Chan 26.7.54
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M (W) [illegible] 29/7

M (L.A) [illegible] 30/7

M (T&C) [illegible] 3.8.84

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P. W. D.(A.2).

List of works sanctioned under Central Road Fund Programme in South Kanara District.

GOVERNMENT ROADS.

Sl. No.	Name of work.	Estimated cost in Rs.	Remarks.
1.	2.	3.	4.
1.	Reconstructing Shirur bridge in M.79/7 of coast road No.22' North Mangalore to Baindur and North Kanara Frontier.	55,000/-	
2.	Reconstructing Saradka bridge in M.32/7 of road No.3 Kallakka-Kanhangad.	21,700/-	
3.	Reconstructing the Kambalabettu bridge in M.2/4 of road No.6/B Vittal Kabakka	38,500/-	
4.	Constructing a bridge over Matalai stream in M.55/1 of Coast road No.22 South Mangalore to Kozhikode.	30,000/-	
5.	Constructing causeways in Mile 23/6, 24/3, 26/2 and 27/3 of Bisley Ghat road.	36,000/-	
6.	Constructing a culvert in Mile 12/1 of Nagodi Ghat road.	5,000/-	
7.	Constructing a culvert in Mile 9/8 of Wandse Halkal road.	9,000/-	
8.	Constructing a culvert in Mile 23/1 of Mangalore Agumbe Ghat road.	8,000/-	
9.	Constructing a culvert in Mile 46/4 of Mangalore Agumbe Ghat road.	8,000/-	
10.	Constructing a culvert in M.27/4 of Kalladka Kanhangad road.	5,000/-	
11.	Constructing a culvert in M.34/4 of Kallakka Kanhangod road.	2,500/-	
12.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.19/8 of Mangalore Agumbi road.	9,000/-	
13.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.11/1 of Mudabidri-Guruvankere road.	1,000/-	
14.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.37/7 of Mani Manjerabad Ghat road.	5,000/-	
15.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.48/2 of Mani Manjerabad Ghat road.	15,000/-	
16.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.49/4 of Mani Manjerabad Ghat road.	15,000/-	
17.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.52/6 of Mani Manjerabad Ghat road.	2,500/-	
18.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.58/4 of Mani Manjerabad Ghat road.	2,500/-	
19.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.9/2 of Kasaragod Kalsoor road.	1,000/-	

1.	2.	3.	4.
20.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.28/4 of Kasaragod Kalsoor road.	1,000/-	
21.	Reconstructing the culvert in M.29/4 of Kasaragod Kalsoor road.	1,000/-	
	Total ..	2,64,200/-	

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II. DISTRICT BOARD ROADS.

1.	Constructing a causeway across Kollichal Stream in M.18/5 of Hosdrug Panathady road	11,100/-	
	Total	11,100/-	